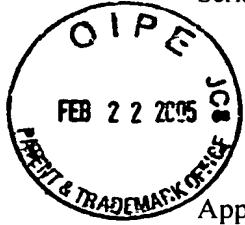


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**REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES  
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Sir:

This Reply is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2004. Submitted herewith is: (1) a Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) months up to and including February 28, 2005, together with the necessary fee and (2) a Supplemental Information Data Sheet.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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